

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463 May 6, 2008

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Response Due Date: June 6, 2008

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Reference: March Monthly Report (2/1/08 - 2/29/08)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 5 items:

- 1. Your report contains incorrect Column B figures for Lines 17(a), 17(c), 17(e) and 22 of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page information. When aggregating and reporting receipts and disbursements, candidate committees are required to disclose their activity on an election-cycle basis, from 11/3/04 to 11/4/08. Please amend your report to show election cycle-to-date figures for all aggregate amounts. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b))
- 2. Some of the contributions itemized on Schedule A of your report appear to have incorrect values in the "Election Cycle-to-Date" field. This field should reflect the total amount that the committee received from the contributor in the current election cycle, from 11/3/04 through the date of receipt of the contribution. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(3)) Some of the election cycle-to-date totals reported on your Schedule A do not appear to include all contributions from the contributor received in this election cycle. Failure to correctly total contributions received from a given source in the election cycle could lead to acceptance of excessive contributions by the committee. Please note that this problem frequently occurs when the contributor name is entered in the committee's electronic reporting database more than once using a different spelling and/or format. This prevents the database from properly aggregating contributions from the same individual

or entity. Entering correct election cycle dates and ensuring that the name of each contributor is entered into the database only once would help avoid election cycle-to-date errors. When reporting contributions from political action committees, using the contributor's FEC identification number will help prevent duplicate entries.

Please review your procedures for compliance with this requirement and amend your report(s) as necessary. Incorrect aggregate election cycle to date totals for contributors listed on your report include the following:

				ECTD Total
			Reported	Calculated
Name	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	ECTD Total	by the FEC
Powell, John	2/4/08	\$50.00	\$325.00	\$775.00
Wittie, Patricia H.	2/19/08	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$850.00

If you need more information, please contact the undersigned analyst.

- 3. Your report discloses \$3,106.63 from Cobraserv National Service Center, James Hodges, Luis A. Navarro, Midtown Plaza, LC, Monica T. Lang, The Fischer Companies and Valerie J. Owens in Offsets to Operating Expenditures on Line 20(a), Column A, of the Detailed Summary Page. However, your report does not include a memo text detailing the nature of these offsets. Please be advised that if there are not corresponding expenditures for these entries, it may constitute excessive or prohibited contribution(s). Please amend your report to provide an explanation for these entries. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)(v))
- 4. Schedule A-P of your report contains entries for contributions made by more than one person. For contributions made by more than one individual in a single written instrument, you must report the amount attributed to each contributor along with all the required contributor information (full name, address, occupation and employer) in a separate entry for each person. See 11 CFR §§ 100.12, 104.8(a), (b) and (d)(1) and the Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates for additional clarification.
- 5. Schedule B-P of your report discloses disbursements to credit card companies. When reporting payments to credit card companies, if the payment to the original vendor aggregates in excess of \$200 in an election cycle, you must itemize, as a memo entry, the name and address of the original vendor, together with the date, amount and purpose of the expenditure. If itemization is not necessary, you must indicate so in an

amendment to this report. Please correct your report to include the missing information. (11 CFR § 104.9(a) & (b))

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1168.

Sincerely,

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